

House Resolution No. 3674

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to welcome special guests to the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, the National Dunbar Alumni Association of Little Rock, Arkansas, is a well-organized network of former students with active chapters throughout the United States whose mission is to maintain the legacy of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School which educated many African-American students from 1929 to 1955; and

Whereas, from July 6 to July 9, 2005, the National Dunbar Alumni Association will hold its Seventeenth Reunion of Classes at the Hyatt Regency-Union Station in Saint Louis, Missouri; and

Whereas, the three hundred fifty alumni expected to attend the Seventeenth Reunion of Classes include several members of the Little Rock Nine, a ninety-three-year-old, many persons in their seventh or eighth decade of life, local retired school teachers, renowned psychologist Dr. Robert Williams, and authors Harry Dunbar and Dr. Faustine Jones; and

Whereas, now the site of Dunbar Junior High School, Dunbar High School is going through a major renovation to preserve not only its rich architectural character, but also to maintain and enhance its well-deserved reputation; and

Whereas, Dunbar High School students are noted for their college preparatory training and strict discipline; and

Whereas, first opened in 1929 as the Negro School of Industrial Arts, Dunbar High School was located in a residential area south of downtown Little Rock; and

Whereas, designed by George H. Wittenburg and Lawson L. Delony, Dunbar High School sat on a southeast-northwest axis just nine blocks east of Central High School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history and achievements associated with the National Dunbar Alumni Association and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful Seventeenth Reunion of Classes from July 6 to July 9, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation at the National Dunbar Alumni Association Reunion of Classes in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Theodore Hoskins
District No. 80

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3674, adopted June 8, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker